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ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH & THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1971

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Rural District Council of Ludlow,

Stone House,

Corve Street,

LUDLOW.

July 1972.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report and the Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Vital Statistics indicate that the Community continues to be healthy; - but there is a note of warning: this is the increase in what should be largely preventable deaths from accidents and lung cancer. It should be noted that this year women also died from lung cancer.

A rather unusual feature is the great increase in female births this year.

For the first time in recent years there were illegitimate infant deaths: but the illegitimate birth rate continues to remain below the national rate.

The increase in food poisoning notifications was disappointing and emphasises the need for adequate facilities for food preparation and storage, and for the understanding of the use of these facilities by the food handlers.

Good progress was maintained in carrying out the Capital Programmes for sewerage, refuse disposal and housing.

In Ludlow, various extensions to the sewers were made to eliminate the flooding problems of the past, and within two years, proper sewerage of all towns and main villages in the District should be obtained, if the Capital Programme is carried out as planned.

Work on the new central refuse disposal tip at Aldon was well advanced by the end of the year and we shall soon have fully controlled tipping there, and other present less satisfactory sites will be closed.

The scheme to improve the hundred council houses in Sandpits Avenue, Ludlow is continuing satisfactorily, nearly half of the houses being completed by the end of the year. The remainder of the new houses at Burford and St. Stephens Close were completed.

Planning for the re-development of Old Street, Ludlow has proceeded almost to the point of obtaining tenders from contractors. When completed this should do much to alleviate the housing problems in Ludlow, which is now the only part of the district where general housing need does constitute a problem.

Plans are in hand for more bungalows at Church Stretton, Craven Arms, Cleobury Mortimer and Ludlow. There is always a great need for this type of accommodation.

There has been a very gratifying demand for Improvement Grants from owner-occupiers of property but still little use is made of these Grants for rented property.

Again I should like to thank all my colleagues for their willing and cheerful cooperation throughout the year.

Elizabeth Capper.

Vital Statistics 1971

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number	163	193	356
Legitimate	157	180	337
Illegitimate	6	13	19

Still Births

Number	2	3	5
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	0	1	1

Total Live and Still Births

Number	165	196	361
Legitimate	159	182	341
Illegitimate	6	14	20

Death of Infants

<u>Number under 1 year</u> - Total	5	1	6
Legitimate	4	0	4
Illegitimate	1	1	2

Under 4 weeks of age

Number	3	1	4
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Under 1 week of age

Number	3	1	4
Illegitimate	1	1	2

Deaths - all ages

	168	141	309
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Live Birth Rates etc.

	<u>Ludlow R.D.</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
Live births per 1,000 population (crude rate)	14.9	16.0
Area comparability factor	1.12	1.0
Local adjusted Birth Rate	16.7	16.0
Rate of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.04	1.0
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	5.0	8.0

Still Birth Rate

Still births per 1,000 total live and still births	14.0	12.0
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Infant Mortality Rate

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	17.0	18.0
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	12.0	17.0
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	105.0	24.0

(2)

<u>Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u>	<u>Ludlow R.D.</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	11.0	12.0
<u>Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u>		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births	11.0	10.0
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u>		
Still births and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live and still births	25.0	22.0
<u>Death Rates etc. - all ages</u>		
Death per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	12.9	11.6
Area comparability factor	.89	1.0
Local adjusted rate	11.5	11.6
Ratio of local adjusted rate and national rate	.99	1.0
<u>Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion)</u>		
Number	0	
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	0	

General Statistics and Notes on Vital Statistics

Estimated Mid Year Population	23,910
Area in Acres	120,451
Population per Acre	.2
Rateable Value	£794,118

Births

In spite of a slight fall in the number of male births, from 171 in 1970 to 163 in 1971, there was a considerable rise in the total number of births to 356, owing to an increase in female births, from 159 in the previous year to 193 in 1971. In the three previous years the number of births was 328, 332 and 330. The percentage of illegitimate births is still well below the National average.

The slight rise in still births noticed last year has not continued and the figure has returned to the numbers of the two years prior to 1970. There was one illegitimate still birth.

Infant Mortality

In 1971 six infants under the age of one year died and two of these were illegitimate - there have not been any illegitimate infant deaths in recent years until now. The Infant Mortality Rate is just below the National figure. The Perinatal Mortality Rate is much more satisfactory than that in 1970 and is only slightly higher than the National Rate.

Deaths

There were 209 deaths this year - 168 males and 141 females - this being a decrease of 5 on last year, there were 27 fewer female deaths this year. The adjusted death rate of 11.5 is almost that for England and Wales and is very little different from the figure of 11.8 in 1970.

(Area comparability factor is the figure used to adjust crude birth and death rates, in order to make allowances for the way in which age and sex distribution of the local population differ from that in England and Wales as a whole, and takes into account the presence of any residential institutions in the area).

Number of deaths at different ages

	<u>Under 4</u> <u>Weeks</u>	<u>4 weeks &</u> <u>Under 1 Year</u>	<u>1-4</u>	<u>5-14</u>	<u>15-24</u>	<u>25-34</u>	<u>35-44</u>	<u>45-54</u>	<u>55-64</u>	<u>65-74</u>	<u>75 and over</u>
Male	3	2	-	-	4	2	5	5	26	52	69
Female	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	4	17	33	81

Causes of Death

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	6	5	11
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	11	4	15
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	4	0	4
Leukaemia	2	0	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	5	7
Diabetes Mellitus	2	2	4

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Anaemias	0	3	3
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	0	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	0	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	0	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	41	42	83
Other Forms of Heart Disease	12	13	25
Cerebrovascular Disease	23	34	57
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	2	8
Influenza	1	0	1
Pneumonia	8	5	13
Bronchitis and Emphysema	11	1	12
Asthma	0	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3	1	4
Peptic Ulcer	2	2	4
Appendicitis	1	0	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	3	0	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	0	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	0	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	0	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1	2
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	0	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	1	2
Congenital Anomalies	1	0	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	2	0	2
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	0	1	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	2	5
All Other Accidents	4	6	10
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	0	2
	<u>168</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>309</u>

The chief killer diseases still are:-

	<u>Number of deaths</u>	<u>% total deaths</u>		
		<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Heart and Circulation	175	56.6	54.5	54.8
Cancer	51	16.5	17.0	18.1
Respiratory Infection	31	10.0	15.0	11.0

Cancer of the lung accounted for 5% compared with 2.9% last year - and this year there were 4 female deaths from the disease.

Deaths from all accidents and cancer of the lung were 10% of the total - and these should be very largely preventable. This figure is increasing.

This year there were 47 more births than deaths and the estimated mid-year population had increased by 320 this is in contrast to an estimated fall of 140 in 1970.

General Provision of Health ServicesStaff

The Medical Officer of Health has two sessions each week for District work, usually on Friday, but varying sometimes to fit in with Council and Committee meetings. If needed urgently, her whereabouts can always be found by telephoning to the County Medical Officer of Health, Shrewsbury, telephone number 52211. For non-urgent matters a message should be left at the Public Health Department at these offices.

Particulars of the other Staff members are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Laboratory Facilities

Mains water supplies and swimming bath water are tested regularly at the Public Health Laboratory and Dr. Jones and his staff are always willing to give advice and help in any investigation needed in cases of suspected food poisoning. Facilities at the Laboratory are now excellent - the new premises at Copthorne were opened early in the year.

The address is now:- Public Health Laboratory,
New Royal Salop Infirmary,
Mytton Oak Road,
Shrewsbury.
Telephone 57101.

Ambulance Service

The station is at Craven Arms. An ambulance is normally obtained by a Family Doctor or through a hospital, but in cases of accident it is obtained by making an emergency 999 telephone call - not by trying to ring the Craven Arms station.

Child Welfare Centres

There are now six clinics in the District as follows:-

Cliftonville, Dinham, Ludlow	Mondays	1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
* East Hamlet, New Street, Ludlow	Thursdays	1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Parish Hall, Cleobury Mortimer	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Sylvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton	1st & 3rd Thursdays	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
* Brunswick House, Clee Hill	2nd Wednesday	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
The Surgery, Shrewsbury Rd., Craven Arms	1st Thursday	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

The East Hamlet clinic was moved to more suitable premises at East Hamlet Hospital during the year.

* There is a doctor present at East Hamlet only on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays: no doctor attends Clee Hill Clinic; and it is not held during winter months.

In addition, a mobile Child Welfare Centre is now visiting some villages monthly - including Wistanstow, Onibury, Bromfield and Bitterley, but as centres may have to be altered when it is found where there is the greatest demand for this service, times are not given here.

Health Visitors

There are four Health Visitors working in the area:- at Church Stretton, Craven Arms (also working in Clun), Ludlow and Cleobury Mortimer.

District Nurses and Midwives

The full time nurses are helped by several part time nurses.

The night rota scheme for midwifery continues to work satisfactorily - all night calls for midwives should be made to the County Ambulance Depot, Shrewsbury.

County Council Nursing Services Re-organisation

A Robophone (Tel. No. Ludlow 3439) is now located at the Child Health Centre, Dinham, Ludlow and can record all routine requests for Nursing Services on a twenty four hour basis. For emergency services either on Saturdays and Sundays, or after 6 p.m. on weekdays all requests are made to the Ambulance Control; a Nursing Officer deals with the routine and day time emergency requests, and is available at the Centre at certain hours during each week day.

Provision of Nursing Equipment, including Incontinence Pads

A variety of equipment can be obtained on loan from the County Health Office.

Family Planning Clinics

The nearest clinics are held at Leominster, Hereford, Kidderminster and Shrewsbury. Details can be obtained from Family Doctors or from Child Welfare Centres.

National Assistance Act, 1948 Section 47

No action had to be taken under this section this year.

Common Lodging Houses

There are none in the District.

Mortuary

During the alterations and building of the long-awaited new Geriatric Unit at East Hamlet Hospital the mortuary there was demolished - it was a very unsatisfactory building. For the present time mortuary facilities for persons found dead are being provided at Ludlow and District Hospital.

Social Services

Following the publication of the Seebohm report, the new Social Services Department of the County Council was formed in the Spring. Broadly speaking this took over the function of the Childrens Department and the Welfare Department and those functions of the Health Department where the care needed was considered to be primarily social rather than medical.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases

The following notifications of Infectious Diseases were received:-

	<u>1st</u> <u>Quarter</u>	<u>2nd</u> <u>Quarter</u>	<u>3rd</u> <u>Quarter</u>	<u>4th</u> <u>Quarter</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	1	2	15
Measles	65	7	10	2
Whooping Cough	-	1	1	-
Food Poisoning	16	1	14	-
Meningitis	-	1	1	-

There were no cases of tuberculosis notified this year.

Tuberculosis Register December 1971

Pulmonary	56
Non-pulmonary	24
Cured	5

Vaccination and Immunisation

Protection against many of the infectious diseases is available from Family Doctors and Child Welfare Centres - protection against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis should be started during the first year of life and measles during the second year. Protection against tuberculosis is only given at school at the age of 12 - 13 years.

Since 1970 Rubella vaccine has been available to girls of 12 - 14 years who had not had German measles. This will remove any risk later in life of them getting Rubella in early pregnancy - as the disease in early pregnancy carries considerable risk of congenital defects in the baby. The vaccine is without risk unless given to pregnant females or those who are likely to become pregnant within two months of vaccination.

People travelling abroad are strongly advised to get protection against typhoid and paratyphoid fever and in certain areas smallpox, cholera and yellow fever vaccinations are necessary. All can be obtained from the Family Doctor with the exception of yellow fever - applications for this should be made to the County Medical Officer of Health, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

In November the Secretary of State accepted the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation and recommended that vaccination against smallpox need no longer be recommended as a routine proceeding in early childhood. It is still necessary for travellers to certain foreign countries and for Health Service Staff.

Cholera outbreak in Spain

A total of eight people were followed up as they returned from Spain during this epidemic, but nothing abnormal was found.

Food Poisoning

The two outbreaks occurred in Institutions and as elderly people were involved it was fortunate that there were no fatalities. Both were due to failure to ensure rapid and efficient cooling of cooked meat. One of the kitchens concerned is very old and improvements are to be made to it, at the moment there are no adequate facilities there for rapid cooling of cooked food.

A lot of time was spent over two isolated cases of food poisoning as they occurred in children of tinker families who kept moving about to various unauthorised sites. One family soon left the area, but in the other case they stayed longer and an older sister of the patient had to be suspended from work as she was found to be a food handler - the general lack of sanitation deeming this to be prudent.

The measles epidemic which began in the Autumn of 1970 continued well into the Spring, and a great deal of preventable illness occurred through failure of parents to get their children vaccinated against measles.

One isolated case of infective jaundice at the further most part of the District was followed in the next quarter by two more within the same area and by the end of the year many more cases were appearing in the same part of the District; largely centred on the Primary school children.

Diseases of Animals

19 notifications of salmonella infection in calves were received and no human cases were found.

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1971
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To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the following report on the work carried out in my Department during the year 1971.

R. F. SAUNDERS.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

May, 1972.

Stone House,
Corve Street,
LUDLOW,
Shropshire.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LUDLOW

Chief Public Health Inspector's Report

1. Staff

Establishment at the end of the year:-

Chief Public Health Inspector	- Mr. R. F. Saunders, M.A.P.H.I.
Senior Additional Public Health Inspector	- Mr. G. S. Banks, M.A.P.H.I.
Additional Public Health Inspector	- Mr. F. Edge, M.A.P.H.I.
Trainee Public Health Inspector	- Miss D. H. Bradley.
Meat Inspectors	- Mr. R. S. Tong, A.R.S.H. Mr. D. Mills, A.R.S.H. Mr. B. Lawson.
Clerk/Typist	- Miss R. G. Thomas.

Changes during the year:-

Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mr. L. D. Cowell.	Additional Public Health Inspector.	January 1971.
Mr. F. D. Mitchell.	" " " "	October 1971.
Mr. F. Edge.	" " " "	December 1971.

New Appointments

Mr. F. D. Mitchell.	Additional Public Health Inspector.	January 1971.
Mr. F. Edge.	" " " "	July 1971.

Miss D. H. Bradley was appointed jointly by Ludlow R.D.C. and Clun and Bishops Castle R.D.C; her theoretical training is being undertaken at the University of Aston in Birmingham under a B.Sc. Degree Sandwich Course.

2. Sanitary Circumstances in the Area

(a) Water Supply

The frequency of sampling public mains supplies was continued as in previous years.

(b) Purity of Supplies

The undermentioned samples were taken for bacteriological examination, from public supplies in the area. Several of the unsatisfactory samples were from the West Shropshire Water Board's supply at Church Stretton. This matter has caused concern to the Council and has been taken up with the West Shropshire Water Board on a number of occasions. It is understood that the Board has proposals for the installation of improved purification plant.

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Total No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Burford (a) E.S.W.B.	15	15	0
(b) N.W.W.W.B.	9	9	0
Bushmoor and Wistanstow	7	6	1
Church Stretton (including All Stretton and Little Stretton) W.S.W.B.	41	38	3
Clee Hill and Knowbury	3	3	0
Cleobury Mortimer	21	20	1
Coreley (including Joint High Level)	6	6	0
Craven Arms	15	12	3
Diddlebury	3	3	0
Far Forest (N.W.W.W.B.)	3	1	2
Longville-in-the-Dale	3	3	0
Ludlow (a) Low Level	38	37	1
(b) High Level			
including Sheet Area	41	39	2
Munslow	5	4	1
Onibury	2	2	0
South Eastern Parishes (Caynham area)	3	3	0
Seifton (including Culmington)	4	4	0
Stoke St. Milborough and Clee			
St. Margaret	8	3	0
Wall-under-Heywood	6	5	1
Totals =	233	218	15

Notation: E.S.W.B. - East Shropshire Water Board.
N.W.W.W.B. - North West Worcestershire Water Board.
W.S.W.B. - West Shropshire Water Board.

(c) Details of the numbers of properties and persons supplied with mains water

The Department of Health and Social Security require the following information to be given for each parish in rural districts.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Direct to House</u>		<u>Served by Standpipe</u>	
	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
Abdon	5	13	-	-
Acton Scott	23	59	-	-
Ashford Bowdler	18	46	-	-
Ashford Carbonel	99	247	-	-
Bitterley	132	341	-	-
Boraston	60	152	-	-
Bromfield	62	157	-	-
Burford	168	352	-	-
Caynham	321	811	3	8
Church Stretton	1204	3524	-	-
Clee St. Margaret	39	97	-	-
Cleobury Mortimer	526	1564	-	-
Coreley	114	287	-	-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Direct to Houses</u>		<u>Served by Standpipe</u>	
	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
Culmington	118	298	-	-
Diddlebury	116	295	-	-
East Hamlet	11	27	-	-
Eaton-under-Heywood	31	83	3	8
Greete	32	81	-	-
Halford	43	122	-	-
Heath	3	8	-	-
Hope Bagot	4	11	-	-
Hope Bowdler	16	41	-	-
Hopton Cangeford	4	10	-	-
Hopton Wafers	95	248	-	-
Ludford	72	180	-	-
Ludlow	2446	7873	-	-
Milson	28	67	-	-
Munslow	100	248	-	-
Nash	86	201	-	-
Neen Sollars	35	86	-	-
Onibury	88	192	-	-
Richards Castle	74	182	-	-
Rushbury	83	201	1	2
Sibdon Carwood	10	28	-	-
Stanton Lacy	64	162	-	-
Stoke St. Milborough	25	61	-	-
Stokesay	518	1457	-	-
Tugford	14	39	-	-
Whitton	16	39	-	-
Wheathill	5	12	-	-
Wistanstow	168	424	-	-
Totals =	7076	20456	7	18

These figures show that about 80% of the population is served by mains water. The remainder is served by various private supplies including bore-holes, wells, springs etc.

(d) Minor Supplies

1. Angel Bank and Bitterley Lane

This extension of the Clee Hill supply was completed during the year.

2. Brand Hill

This supply to a scattered upland area was completed during the year.

3. Hope Bowdler

This scheme also was completed during the year.

(e) Proposed Supplies

Joint High Level Scheme

Investigations were carried out during the year of areas which the Council, when the Water Supply Authority for the area, proposed to supply from the Joint High Level Scheme, but which the East Shropshire Water Board have not yet dealt with.

(f) Private Supplies

No. of samples taken	42
No. of samples satisfactory	16
No. of samples unsatisfactory	26

3. Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal(a) Sewer Connections

A few more connections to existing sewers at Church Stretton and Burford were made during the year. Some septic tank effluent disposal systems were replaced where nuisance was being caused by unsatisfactory effluent disposal.

(b) Existing Drainage

Surveys of existing drainage facilities were carried out in various areas of the district. A more detailed survey is to be carried out in the near future with a view to deciding on an order of priority for the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal schemes.

4. Rodent Control and Supervision

The operative Mr. R. Marsh, continued the work of rat and mouse destruction until August. Mr. Marsh retired in August and is now replaced by Mr. Langford.

Five hundred and ten complaints of rats and/or mice were dealt with. This left very little time available for surveying which is so necessary especially in an area from which regular complaints are received.

Acute acting poisons were used throughout the whole of the area as a result of Warfarin resistance.

5. Factories and Workshops

The Local Authority deals only with certain aspects of the Factories Acts, namely those relating to health, welfare and sanitary accommodation.

Number in Register

(a) Factories with mechanical power	110
(b) Factories without mechanical power	<u>2</u>
	<u>112</u>

Number of visits	<u>18</u>
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6. The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Particulars of premises registered under this Act are as follows:-

	<u>No. of Registered Premises at end of Year</u>	<u>No. of Persons employed at end Year</u>
Offices	67	443
Retail Shops	158	561
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	5	23

Catering establishments open to
the public and canteens

44

264

Fuel Storage Depots

24

Totals =

2761295

No. of visits of all kinds to registered premises = 227

Conditions generally were found to be satisfactory.

7. Housing

(a) General Statement

1. Number of inhabitable houses, including Council houses and
business premises with living accommodation as at 1st January 1971. 8,688

Additions

Number of houses constructed during the year

1. Council Houses

35

2. Private

58

Number of additional houses provided by the
conversion of buildings into houses or the
division of larger houses.

6

Number of houses brought back into use as a
result of complying with Undertakings.

17
116

116
8,812

Deductions

Number of houses closed

6

Number of houses demolished

86

Lost by conversion of two or more into one.

6
98

98
8,910

Number of inhabitable houses, including Council
houses and business premises with living accommodation
as at 31st December, 1971.

8,910

(b) Action under the Housing Acts

The following is a summary of Statutory Action taken
during 1971 regarding unfit houses.

Number of houses demolished

86

Number of houses closed under the terms of Closing Orders

6

Number of houses closed under the terms of Undertakings
given by owners

8

Houses made fit and Undertakings or Orders revoked

17

Number of houses at which defects were remedied after
formal action under the Public Health Act

0

Informal Action

Number of houses made fit as a result of informal action 8

8. Caravan Sites and Moveable Dwellings(a) Caravan Sites

Forty-two licences under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 were in force at the 31st December 1971.

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
(a) Individual	23	10
(b) Multiple (more than three)	1	8
	<hr/> 24	<hr/> 18

Number of caravans covered by the licences 485

Number of caravans for residential use 33

Number of caravans for holidays and weekends 452

Four contraventions of the Act were dealt with informally.

(b) Gypsies and Itinerant Traders

The number of caravans used by gypsies, tinkers and itinerant traders vary very little. The Salop County Council are arranging for the provision of three sites, but none in South Shropshire at present.

(c) Public Health Act, 1936 Section 269

No land used for the pitching of tents in the area is used frequently enough to require licensing.

9. Informal Notices Served

Drainage	20
House Repairs	22
Food Hygiene	22
Water Supply	5
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	57
Slaughterhouses (Hygiene)	10
Caravans	4
Air Pollution	5
Factories Acts	2
Rodent Control	2
Miscellaneous	1
Total =	<hr/> 150 <hr/>

Most of these Notices had been complied with by the end of the year.

10. Inspection and Supervision of Food(a) Meat Inspection

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in the district

2Shropshire Fatstock Society at Craven Arms and
C. Jones & Son at Ludlow.

The arrangement started in 1969, whereby the Meat Inspectors at Craven Arms assist with meat inspection at the Ludlow slaughterhouse, was continued.

(b) Statement of Animals Killed and Inspected

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>(ex.Cows)</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number Killed	6264	1075	413	17731	80754	106237
Number Inspected	6264	1075	413	17731	80754	106237

All Diseases except
Tuberculosis and
Cysticercus Bovis

Whole Carcasses condemned	7	32	48	22	181	
Organs or parts condemned	1064	610	10	2906	9253	
Percentage Affected	17.10%	59.72%	14.04%	16.51%	8.88%	

Tuberculosis Only

Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	
Organs of parts condemned	1	-	-	23	-	
Percentage Affected	0.02%	-	-	0.13%	-	

Cysticercus Bovis Only

Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	
Organs or parts condemned	9	4	-	-	-	
Percentage Affected	0.14%	0.37%	-	-	-	

Weight of meat condemned = 82561 lbs. = 36.85 tons.

(c) Food Premises

The Department of Health and Social Security has asked for the number of food premises, subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970 to be given in categories of trade. These are as follows:-

Hotels, Public Houses and Guest Houses	95
Grocers and General Stores	67
Cafes and Restaurants	40
School Canteens and Kitchens	31

Village Halls, etc.	26
Butchers	19
Confectioners	12
Clubs etc.	19
Grocers/Greengrocers	1
Greengrocers	9
Bakehouses	7
Food Factories and Wholesalers	6
Sweet Shops	16
Factory Canteens	9
Fish and Chip Shops	5
Garages etc., selling ice-cream or sweets	9
Wet Fish Shops	2
<u>Total =</u>	<u>373</u>

In general the standard of food premises is satisfactory.

(d) Poultry Inspection

Production at The Grove has continued to increase. Rejection of birds is carried out by "spotters" at various points on the lines. The majority of rejects are removed immediately after de-feathering. Suspect batches are retained by the Production Manager for inspection by a Public Health Inspector. High standards are set and maintained, regarding both the rejection of birds and the hygiene of the premises.

There is one small producer in Ludlow with whom arrangements are also made for a Public Health Inspector to inspect suspect birds as necessary.

(e) Particulars of Poultry killed and inspected

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. Of Birds Killed</u>	<u>No. Of Birds Rejected</u>	<u>% Of Birds Rejected</u>	<u>Weight Rejected Tons</u>
Broilers	5,794,414	60,018	0.10	93.78
Hens	300,382	9,437	3.14	21.06
Capons	158,431	3,750	2.37	11.72
Turkeys	947,611	14,279	1.51	89.24
Totals =	7,200,838	87,484	-	215.80

(f) Condemnation of Food

The Following foods were inspected and voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human habitation.

	<u>Cwt.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
Canned Meat	1	0
Canned Vegetables	4	101
Canned Milk Products	1	54
Canned Fruit Products	1	63
Canned Fish	0	04
Canned Soup	0	50
Other Foods (Including Frozen Goods)	2	70
<u>Total</u> =	<u>11</u>	<u>06</u>

(g) Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for the sale of ice cream = 80
 Number of premises registered for manufacture = 2

Heat treatment is not included in the process at either of these premises. Conditions at premises of both types are satisfactory.

11. Knackers Yards

The two knackers yards in the district are owned by one family firm. Very little work was carried out at the Stanway Yard. At the Stanway Yard maggot breeding was carried out during the year and it is understood that good business has been done with the suppliers to local fishermen. A small brick building has been used for this purpose and no nuisance whatsoever has been caused.

At Sparchford packed sterilized pet food is produced. At this yard sterilization arrangements are insufficient to deal with all the knacker meat produced. The surplus unsterilized meat is sent to authorised premises outside the district for sterilization.

Conditions at the two yards are satisfactory.

12. The Meat (Sterilization) Regulations, 1969

These Regulations introduced new restrictions on the movement, and new requirements on the sterilization, of unfit meat from slaughterhouse and knackers yards.

Most of the meat is sterilized at premises outside the district. No difficulties were experienced during the year.

13. Swimming Baths

Details of bacteriological water samples taken from the Council's swimming bath at Dinham and the Salop County Council's open air baths at Cleobury Mortimer and Church Stretton are as follows:-

<u>Bath</u>	<u>No. of samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Ludlow	36	35	1
Cleobury Mortimer	8	8	0
Church Stretton	16	16	0

Two chemical samples were taken from the Ludlow bath; both were satisfactory.

14. Public Health Act 1936, Section 60

Means of Escape in case of Fire

Work has proceeded on the provision of means of escape to premises covered by the Act. The speed of progress is governed by the availability of the Fire Prevention Officers of the Salop County Council. The fullest co-operation is received from these officers within the limits of their resources.

New legislation, the Fire Precautions Act, 1971, has recently been enacted and in due course the enforcing authority will be the Fire Authority.

15. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Twelve dealers are registered under the Act.

Registration is the only part of this Act dealt with by the Local Authority. The Police administer the remainder of the Act.

Conclusion

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the staff of my Department for their work and cheerful co-operation during the year.

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Annex to the Report for the Year 1971

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	110	18	2	-
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	112	18	2	Nil

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To HM Inspector (4)	By HM Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness S.1	3	3	-	3	-
Overcrowding S.2	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature S.3	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation S.4	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors S.6	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences S.7					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	5	Nil	3	Nil

Part VIII of the Act
Outworkers
(Sections 133 and 134)

3.

Nature of work (1)	Section 133				Section 134	
	No. of Out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances or work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecution (7)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.,) Cleaning and) washing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Household Linen	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lace, lace curtains and nets	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Curtains and furniture hangings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Furniture and upholstery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Electro-plate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
File making	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Brass and brass articles	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fur pulling	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Iron and steel cables and chains	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cart gear	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Locks, latches and Keys	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Umbrellas etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Artificial flowers	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nets, other than wire nets	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tents	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sacks	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Racquets & tennis balls	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Paper bags	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Brush making	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pea picking	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Feather sorting	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part V111 of the Act (Contd.)
Outwork

Sections 133 and 134

Nature of work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cution (7)
Carding, etc., of buttons etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Stuffed toys	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Basket making	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chocolates and sweet- meats	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Textile weaving	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lampshades	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

